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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Sacramento – CHP Officer Killed During Pursuit of Motorcyclist

(U) On 22 February, a CHP officer sustained mortal injuries from a crash while pursuing a suspect. CHP Officer Lucas Chellew was chasing a suspect when a collision occurred and Chellew lost control of his motorcycle. Officials are investigating the crash. "His service and sacrifice will forever be honored and never forgotten," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said in a statement. Chellew was a seven-year veteran of the CHP. Governor Jerry Brown has requested that the capital's flags be flown at half-staff.

SOURCE: 23 February 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – Homicides in Chicago Outpacing Last Year after Deadliest Day So Far in 2017

(U) Chicago – Homicides are now outpacing last year in Chicago after the city experienced its deadliest day this year, according to data kept by the Chicago Tribune. Seven people were shot and killed on Wednesday, five of them killed over a two hour period, including a woman who was eight months pregnant. That's the most homicides since Christmas Day last year, when eight people were killed in the city. By Wednesday evening, the city had recorded its 99th homicide two days early than it did last year, according to Chicago Tribune data. The Chicago Police Department has reported 379 shooting incidents this year.

SOURCE: 23 February 2017, [Chicago Tribune](#)

(U) Washington – Border Patrol Spokane Sector Agents Arrest Six People Involved in Alien Smuggling

(U) Oroville – Border Patrol agents arrested six people involved in alien smuggling on Wednesday. Five illegal aliens from India were apprehended after they crossed the international border separating Canada and the United States near Molson. Once the aliens were inside the United States, the group was picked up by a Canadian citizen smuggler driving a rental vehicle along 9 Mile Road. The vehicle and occupants were stopped a short time later by Border Patrol agents just outside of Oroville. Officials said in a press release that the driver and suspected smuggler had no known relationship with the five illegal aliens who he picked up and entered the United States a day earlier under false pretenses.

SOURCE: 23 February 2017, [KREM2](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Malaysia – VX Nerve Agent Used to Kill Kim Jong Nam, Police Say

(U) Kuala Lumpur – The chemical substance used to kill Kim Jong Nam was a VX nerve agent, an internationally-banned chemical weapon that can kill within minutes, according to a preliminary report by the Chemistry Department of Malaysia. Nam is the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Initial tests on Nam's eyes and face revealed the presence of the substance. Nerve agents are the most toxic and fast-acting substances known in chemical warfare, and VX is the most potent of all of them, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He died on 13 February before he was

scheduled to board a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Macau. Malaysian police claim two women wiped his face with some sort of liquid at the instruction of four North Koreans.

SOURCE: 24 February 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) Russia – Russian Military Admits Significant Cyber-War Effort

(U) Moscow – Russia's military has admitted to the scale of its information warfare effort, saying it was significantly expanded post-Cold War. Russian information troops are involved in effective propaganda, according to Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu. The admission follows repeated allegations of cyberattacks against Western nations by the Russian state. NATO is reported to be a top target.

SOURCE: 23 February 2017, [BBC](#)

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